

## State of Utah

# Department of **Natural Resources**

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# Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Company	Steve Demczak Environmental Scientist III	

# **Inspection Report**

Permit Number:	C0070038
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Tuesday, July 29, 2008
Start Date/Time:	7/29/2008 2:00:00 PM
End Date/Time:	7/29/2008 4:00:00 PM
Last Inspection:	Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Inspector: Steve Demczak, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Sunny, 90's

InspectionID Report Number: 1722

Permitee: PLATEAU MINING CORP Operator: PLATEAU MINING CORP

Site: WILLOW CREEK MINE

Address: PO BOX 30, HELPER UT 84526-0030

County: CARBON

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: ACTIVE

#### **Current Acreages**

14,662.49	<b>Total Permitted</b>		
71.44	Total Disturbed		
	Phase I		
	Phase II		
	Phase III		

#### Mineral Ownership

**Types of Operations ✓** Federal ✓ Underground ☐ Surface ☐ State ✓ Loadout County **✓** Fee Processing ✓ Other Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

No violations were issued.

Inspector's Signature:

Steve Demczak, Environmental Scientist III

**Date** 

Monday, August 04, 2008

Inspector ID Number: 39

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

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#### REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
- b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performace standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Divison Orders, and amendments.

		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale				
2.	Signs and Markers				
3.	Topsoil	<b>✓</b>		<b>~</b>	
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<b>V</b>		✓	
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<b>✓</b>		✓	
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<b>✓</b>		<b>V</b>	
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring				
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations				
5.	Explosives		<b>✓</b>		
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches				
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	✓		~	
8.	Noncoal Waste	<b>✓</b>		~	
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues				
10.	Slides and Other Damage	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
13.	Revegetation	<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	
14.	Subsidence Control				
15.	Cessation of Operations				
16.8	a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing				
16.	Roads: Drainage Controls				
17.	Other Transportation Facilities				
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations				
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit				
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22.	Other				

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#### 3. Topsoil

All topsoil was used in the reclamation at Willow Creek. The permittee had to bring fill in to backfill the shaft. There is a layer of bentonite.

## 4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions

Diversions were spot-checked and would function during a storm event. Diversions were dry during the inspection.

# 4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The sediment pond was reclaimed at Crandall Canyon.

#### 4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

The permittee pocked the site for sediment control.

## 7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments

The refuse pile was reclaimed.

## 8. Noncoal Waste

The site was clear of sediment control.

#### 10. Slides and Other Damage

I did not see any slides or damage during the inspection.

#### 12. Backfilling And Grading

The Willow Creek site is backfilled and graded. The permittee has backfilled and graded the shaft area at Crandall Canyon. The sediment pond was removed and graded.

#### 13. Revegetation

The reclamation of the shaft and sediment pond area was re-seeded.